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Yasuhiro OMURA

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- ☒ 4. Except for JP-A-5-34593, JP-A-7-128592, USP 4,948,238, USP 6,104,472 and USP 6,646,718, the references were cited by or submitted to the Office in parent application No. 10/419,006, filed April 21, 2003, which is relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. §120. Thus, copies of these references are not attached. 37 CFR §1.98(d). Copies of the above-cited 5 references are attached hereto.

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		5,880,891	03-1999	Furter			
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		JP-A-8-330220	12-1996	Japan (with abstract)			
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